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What are the odds?

Eastern alum and New York Giant's Offensive Coordinator Sean Payton talks about Panther quarterback Tony Romo's chances of making it to the NFL.

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Budget deficit point of dispute

♦ *Operating budget ahead of early predictions, but higher costs 'unavoidable'*

By Caitlin Prendergast
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's operating budget for this year wound up ahead of last year's early predictions and recommendations made by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, yet "unavoidable cost increases" have led to a \$2.2 million shortfall.

Budget numbers

- ♦ Shortfall: \$2.2 million
- ♦ Predicted spending authority: \$81.3 million
- ♦ IBHE recommended budget: \$83.1 million
- ♦ Total funds actually available: nearly \$84 million

Former budget director, Kim Furumo, predicted an increase of about \$2.9 million in tuition revenue in fiscal year 2003, allowing for a rise in enrollment by 50.

As of last March, Furumo said Eastern's preliminary spending authority would be about \$81.3 million for this year.

In April, the Illinois Board of Higher Education recommended an operating budget of about \$83.1 million, although Furumo said employees' health insurance would take out about \$1.7 million from the budget.

This year's operating budget, as of August 31, showed total funds available at nearly \$84 million.

The fiscal year 2003 base budget commitments equaled \$81.2 million.

This includes a \$417, 908 "carry-over" from last year's operating budget.

Jeff Cooley, vice president of business affairs, said the "carry-over" is general revenue money saved from last year's budget.

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STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dale K hypnotizes a student to believe his mouth can't close and then continues to convince him warm donkey urine is being squirted in with a giant squirt gun. Dale K performed Wednesday in front of a packed Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Hypnotist involves audience in act

♦ *Volunteers prove to be the best demonstration of talent*

By Shanna Waters
STAFF WRITER

Comedian-hypnotist Dale K entertained a full house with his mind-bending antics Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom.

Dale began by explaining to the audience that the state his subjects would be in is not real sleep, but they will feel like they had eight extra hours when they wake up in the morning.

He also explained 90 percent of what we see about hypnosis on television is fictionalized.

"When you can't feel it, it's the strongest," Dale said.

He then pulled several enthusiastic volunteers from the crowd and began the show.

One of the first demonstrations convinced the volunteers their hands were glued together with crazy glue. This was just a warm up of what was to come.

Next, the volunteers went on a long and

adventurous balloon ride. This was a problem for some of the group that was afraid of heights.

They had to use their imagination to plug holes in the balloon and they had to inhale each other's shoes for "air masks." They also had to take care of themselves through the dramatic temperature changes, which caused one guy to lose his pants.

After the balloon ride, the group went to the country and milked a cow. Then, they had to imagine themselves being the cow they milked.

Some of the highlights, however, came at the end when Dale told the group that he was naked. The guys hid, while the girls could not keep their hands or eyes off of him.

Next, he told them he had a Super Soaker and sprayed them before their "big dates."

One volunteer thought it was funny and had to suffer having donkey urine squirted in his mouth for laughing at the others.

Dale then convinced the group that a belt had turned into a snake.

"It was awesome. I wish I had gone up there."

— Adam Fernandez

"Don't look in its eyes!" one volunteer screamed at it.

He told the rest of the group the snake would spit on them if they looked in its eyes.

The guys were picked on the most by Dale. They were hypnotized into thinking they were monkeys. They ran wildly into the crowd searching the girls for bugs.

They were also convinced that they were exotic dancers from Australia. The "Outback Boys" gave another guy an intimate lap dance on the stage.

Members of the audience found Dale's act humorous and unbelievable.

"It was awesome. I wish I had gone up there," said Adam Fernandez, a senior computer management major.

"He's amazing," said Laura Dye, a senior elementary education major.

Illinois ranked third in higher education among states

By Caitlin Prendergast
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Illinois' ranking among other states' higher education systems has dropped since the year 2000.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education released its Measuring Up 2002 report this month, and Illinois ranked third in the nation behind Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey, a press release stated. In 2000, Illinois ranked first.

The report grades states on preparation, participation, affordability, completion, benefits and learning.

In preparation for college, the state's grade went down from an A in 2000 to a B+ in 2002. The decline was not unexpected, Daniel LaVista, Illinois Board of Higher Education's executive director, said in a press release.

LaVista said high school curriculum needs to be strengthened if students are to succeed in col-

lege.

There was no change in Illinois' grade in participation of citizens in higher education, the Measuring Up 2002 Website stated. The state retained its fairly high percentage of young adults enrolled in college-level education.

In the affordability category, Illinois' grade went down, although the income needed to attend public four-year colleges and universities has decreased.

The drop came because other states improved more in this category, so Illinois' grade dropped from an A in 2000 to a B in 2002, the Website stated.

The center's report also noted Illinois is the top-performing state in providing need-based financial aid.

Illinois made no improvement in completion of higher education, but because other states declined, its grade went up from a C+ to a B-.

"The percentage of college students who complete certificates and degrees relative to the number enrolled remains only fair," the report stated.

The state's grade for benefits of higher education, a B-, remained the same. This grade is based on educational attainment, rise in income as a result of a college education and patterns in voting and charitable donations, a press

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Speaker: Keep the fighting down

By Brian Roche
STAFF WRITER

A workshop titled "Building Healthy Relationships" taught students effective guidelines to establish strong relationships. The workshop, held Wednesday night in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, discussed how communication skills, conflict management and risk taking are vital in maintaining healthy relationships. "My goal was to identify the characteristics of healthy relationships, identify characteristics of problematic or dysfunctional relationships and what to do to maximize healthy relationships and minimize dysfunctional relationships," said Mark Kiel, a counselor at the Counseling Center and speaker at the presentation. Kiel spoke to the audience of nearly 40 about hierarchical relationships, how to maintain a civil relationship with your roommate, keys to look for when choosing a relationship and how

to fight fair during arguments. The workshop was designed to cover many situations so people who had interest in relationships in different aspects could get their questions answered and have the opportunity to ask questions, Kiel said. A specific topic Kiel explained was the wrong and right ways to argue. Never make fighting a win-or-lose issue. Instead, compromise so that both parties feel like winners. Bringing up past issues and letting the situation escalate and get out of control also are not good ideas. Some dos include: picking a good time to argue, making specific suggestions for change and expressing all your feelings. "I tend to only express anger and keep the rest of my emotions inside when I'm in an argument. Now that I know there are other alternatives, I will be a more effective arguer," said Becky Wisecup, a junior middle-level education major. Jessica Nelson, a senior health studies major, will keep Kiel's tips in mind the next time she has

an argument. "I realized the value of communication in a relationship and how it can improve my relationship with my peers," Nelson said. "Instead of arguing and getting nowhere by bringing up past issues or using threats or ultimatums, I can try a different route that will yield better results." Long distance relationships were a concern of the audience that Kiel addressed. Each case is different, Kiel explained, but generally establishing a foundation or being together before the long-distance separation is a promising stance. "The long distance discussion was good because it applies to a lot of college students, including myself. I am in a long distance relationship. My boyfriend and I were together for a while before I left for school this year, but we are still together," said Lindsey Carstens, a freshmen undecided major. "The success of this workshop will be measured down the road and whether the people are able to find something that was useful and apply it," Kiel said.



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Mark Kiel, a counselor at the Counseling Center, talks with Angie Ballinger, a speech pathology graduate student, after his lecture about healthy relationships Wednesday evening in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ethics takes on new importance in wake of Enron, other scandals

By Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

When Enron declared bankruptcy last October and news quickly spread of Arthur Anderson's deceitful accounting practices, the scandals created a ripple effect that touched everyone from the company's chief executive officer to stockholders. Now, a year later, the ripple has reached schools as they teach future business people not to make the same mistakes. More universities are incorporating ethics into their curriculum since Enron's bankruptcy, and administrators in the Lumpkin College of Business said Eastern is no exception to this trend. While the college has not changed its curriculum and does not plan to add any new classes, teachers and students are putting more emphasis on ethics in the classroom. Bill Joyce, an accounting professor, teaches core accounting classes to students just entering the school of business. He said in the past students have been lukewarm to the topic of ethics, but now they are "perking up and listening more" when the subject is approached in class. Joyce said ethics have a stronger presence in exams, class discussion, lectures and guestsspeakers in the past year as a direct result of the Enron scandal.

"(Accounting teachers) have been going out of their way to include discussion about the scandal in class," said Michael Boroom, chair of the business department. Boroom said the recent deceptions at Arthur Andersen suggested more people were concentrating on how to make money and ignoring the ethical side of the accounting profession. However, the actions of one Arthur Andersen office, one of the most prestigious accounting firms in the country, Joyce said, had repercussions worldwide. As students begin to realize those repercussions in action, the focus begins to shift back to ethics and not just getting rich quick. "Now you can't go anywhere where people are not talking about it," Joyce said. "Every faction of society ... is affected." People have lost faith that companies are reporting true revenue and losses, so they are investing less in stock. The lack of integrity in number reporting could be a cause of the downward turn of the economy, Boroom said. Hiring accountants may also cost companies more money since the scandal, which does not always mean good news for accountants and other business people. As companies spend more money, other areas may have to be cut and people doing the work may not be the ones to see the

extra money. Joyce said he tries to teach his students to think about the personal cost related to whistle blowing or walking away from a dishonest situation. The business world can come with high pressure, but Joyce teaches students how to deal with that pressure and do "the right thing." He advises future business workers to bring suspicious or deceitful practices to the next level, no matter how small or insignificant they may seem. If the person a step higher does nothing, it's time to leave the company, he said. "There could be a personal cost to resigning, but there is also a personal cost with staying with a company that is corrupt," he said. In addition to heightened awareness, Boroom said he is in the process of planning several workshops highlighting the importance of ethics. The workshops are still in the beginning stages, but they will include students, faculty and certified public accountants who will concentrate on continuing profession education and ethics throughout students' careers. "There is a lot more of a focus on doing the right thing instead of doing what everyone else is doing," Boorum said. "Just because everyone is doing it doesn't make it right."

UPD steps up security during Homecoming

By Jessica Gerfen
STAFF WRITER

The University Police Department plans to heighten security and safety during Homecoming by stepping up patrols during the weekend events. Adam Due, chief public safety officer for the UPD, said officers will follow the 2.5K race/walk during its path down Seventh Street. The UPD and the Charleston Police Department also will be enforcing alcohol regulations along the Homecoming Parade route and add more foot and bike patrols. In the past, Due said police used most of their man power to monitor intersections closed because of the parade. However, after constant problems with parade-goers throwing objects at band members and obstructing the parade route, the police refocused their concentration three years ago. "We want everyone to have fun and that includes people that are in the parade," he said. By using more foot and bicycle police, fewer problems have arisen and the police plan to continue that strategy. "Don't cause problems for (the) parade," Due said. "Don't hurt Eastern's image." University police will also increase the number of officers patrolling the football game and tailgating activities.

Parking along the parade route, which starts at Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue, goes around the Square and continues back to campus down Sixth Street, is illegal. The UPD will make final attempts to contact illegally parked vehicles at 3 a.m. Saturday before they start towing. Police will also make their presence known at tailgating. If tailgating remains a peaceful setting, Due said there will be no problems. However, if people are not cleared out of tailgating by the designated time, he said police may get involved to prevent fights or incidents. "If it doesn't clear when its supposed to we will probably go in ... and card some people that don't appear of age (to drink alcohol)," he said. Since last Sept. 11, police have increased the number of police at football games, and this Homecoming will be no exception, Due said. "We try to have more officers because it makes people feel better with that kind of situation and that kind of crowd," he said. Although more problems typically arise during Homecoming, the majority of problems are with alumni and visitors, Due said. "(People) feel a little bit more freedom while they are here," Due said. -Campus editor Melissa Nielsen contributed to this report

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EDITORIAL

Promises are not being met

When the University Board first proposed a new \$5 fee to go toward bringing concerts to Eastern, they enticed the campus with promises of Nelly and Nickleback.

Because of a string of money-losing concerts and loss of seating in Lantz Arena, the UB proposed the fee, since it was no longer feasible to bring concerts to campus without a budget.

With the UB promise of big name bands for low ticket prices, the concert fee passed with overwhelming support last April.

However, the UB was not quite able to deliver its promise of bringing a big-name band to campus.

After beginning the process of planning the concert this summer, the UB decided to bring Everclear as its first big show.

While Everclear had several top 40 hits in the late 1990s, the band is not currently on tour, nor has it had an album come out in the last two years.

For an extra \$5 per student on top of the price of tickets, the UB should be able to give the students a more current band. Perhaps a band that is actually heard on the radio regularly and has more recently released an album.

Caleb Judy, UB chair, said the reason why the UB decided on Everclear was he did not think the concert committee had enough experience to start out with a "huge name" band.

If the UB did not think it could handle the responsibility of planning a large concert, then it should not be so willing to charge the students \$10 for a second-rate concert, in addition to the \$5 per semester fee.

Before proposing even more fees than what students already pay, the UB should consider how conceivable its ideas will be in action.

Perhaps the board could have waited another year before implementing the fee, to become more experienced.

The UB was not able to start planning the Everclear concert until this summer, when it could not get much student input, a problem the board should have considered before pushing the concert fee to pass last spring.

After Everclear plays, the UB will begin planning its spring semester concert. Hopefully, the UB will have enough experience under its belt to get Nelly or Nickelback.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Contradictions of policies



Michael Strange
Charleston resident and guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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The cadence by television's talking heads and its parrots in the print media for Iraqi blood has become a roar; (shades of LBJ) while the Bush regime wave Sept. 11 as a bloody shirt. War mongering at its worst, upon weaker nations. Axis of evil indeed!

Who is April Glaspy? She was Bush I's liaison to Iraq from 1989-1990. When asked by Saddam, "What the reaction would be from the U.S." if he opened a sea port (Persian Gulf) through Kuwait (PBS Frontline 1990), Glaspy replied, "The U.S. had no special interests" in Kuwait. Thus did Saddam (miscalculating) begin his incursion into Kuwait trusting the Americans whom he perceived as an ally.

Iraq, the Mideast's second-largest oil reserve and an international player in oil production wanted Iraqi oil (1990) on the market (a capitalist enterprise) in greater amounts sooner rather than down the disputed Shatt Al-Arab waterway to the Persian Gulf, a more direct route than pipelines and free of Iranian presence, through Kuwait. Those who say Iraq had no rights through Kuwait should understand all we the people know about the subject comes from those with a vested interest in cheap oil, the so-called foreign policy experts, plus Iraq's 1871 claims to the region. Sovereign states not withstand-

"If a planet should recover from the Armageddon of sorts, it will be a better place without humankind."

ing. Then came Desert Storm.

The drum beat for war of expansion and the Gattling Gun against the Spanish (1840) the bombing him for....ever, now Bush II resurrects this ghost of Christmas past to do it all over again with those super bombs that were dropped on Afghanistan (Enduring Freedom)?

The most astounding contradiction in all this violence remains the Western proclivity to sing song about human rights et-al, yet act out the most atrocious crimes against humanity in human history, using weapons of mass destruction, snuffing the lives of innocents; e.g. Hiroshima-Nagasaki (nuclear) and germ warfare on North American Indians (small pox). Weapons of all sorts are used on behalf of whoever has absolute power; however, when dynamite or jet fuel is applied by the powerless in the address of grievance they are vilified as terrorists....giving sanguine proof of their material condition; pointing up the corrosive decay of capital-

ist imperialism.

Nuclear holocaust is now hammering at civilization's door, as those responsible - the international bourgeoisie - are acceding to total hegemony; i.e., that there is nothing left to conquer...thus pin-point nuclear strikes against each other remains the last frontier of capitalist expansion.

Karl Marx wrote, *The Poverty of Philosophy* in 1947, that it took 300 years for the French bourgeoisie to over power the "church," monarchy" and "feudalism" to obtain domination of international trade along with England. I do not perceive it will take until 2092 for an unchallenged capitalist state to ruin what's left of the biosphere. Humanity must move quickly now toward revolution and the democratic worker's state or face the deaths of 5.5 billion people and untold numbers of animals on land and in the sea. If the sacrifice made (is) to make money it will not be a good enough motive. If the planet should recover from the Armageddon of sorts it will be a better place without humankind.

Finally, it turns out that Saddam Hussein is not better or worse in the gaming of human and natural resources than any other capitalist, crime ridden, authority using sovereignty as an excuse; celebrating death as ritual necessity and worship.



YOUR TURN: LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Project 21: Not just for the students

In response to an editorial that appeared in *The Daily Eastern News* on Sept. 26 that stated Project 21 was not being implemented fairly because it targets only college students, let me point out that our focus is much broader than "just college towns."

The Illinois Liquor Commission's Under 21 program works with the Illinois State Police, local liquor commissioners and local police departments to implement Project 21, a statewide crackdown on underage alcohol sales. We are not an enforcement agency, our role has always been to inform liquor licensees and their employ-

ees of the laws and consequences for serving a minor. We depend upon local authorities and the state police to enforce the law.

Of the 55 Project 21 seminars from August 2001 through August 2002, about half were held in college towns and the other half were held in counties with high reported failure rates resulting from Illinois State Police Alcohol Countermeasure Enforcement compliance checks. From April 1998 through November 2001, Coles County had a 57 percent failure rate (compared with 44 percent in Cook and DuPage counties), meaning that four out of seven liquor

establishments were selling to minors. With a failure rate that high, we would have held a seminar in Charleston even if Eastern wasn't there.

In addition to college towns, we went into places like Shelby County, one of the smallest counties, but they had a 75 percent failure rate, the worst in the state. In a follow up compliance check shortly after we presented the laws and consequences for serving a minor, Shelby

County came in with a 100 percent compliance rate.

Illinois is a zero tolerance state, underage drinking is illegal, and that's the law. We are not just targeting college students in college towns, we are trying to eliminate underage alcohol sales everywhere in Illinois.

Marie O'Brien
Director, Under 21 Program
Illinois Liquor Control
Commission

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Latin American food draws in curious crowd

◆ *Students flock to Coleman to learn about Latin culinary delights*

By Teri Webster
STAFF WRITER

Coleman Hall room 1130 was so crowded that people were spilling out into the hallway Wednesday for the “Latin American Foods and Culture” lecture.

The lecture was given by assistant professor of Spanish Kristen Routt.

Routt discussed the customs of Latin America, Central America, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador.

Following the lecture, students were given the opportunity to taste some foods prepared by Routt and her husband.

One of these dishes was flan, which is called “leche asada” in Peru. Another dish was “arroz con leche,” which is similar to rice.

The third dish was “empanadas,” which are pastries that can be filled with almost anything.

In Latin America, rice and beans is a popular dish.

Routt informed the audience that typically people are served their meal and finish everything on their plate in South America, but in Central America it is typical to leave a little food on your plate.

Routt described what types of foods and eating rituals were common for the Spanish-speaking countries.

“Argentina is famous for meat,” Routt said.

It is typical to have a coffee break about 4 p.m. in El Salvador, and bread is usually eaten with coffee or tea.

Isabel Castro, chair of the Latino heritage department, said she attended to show support for the Spanish department.

Kim Vernier, a junior biology major, said she attended to observe and criticize the lecture as a requirement for her speech class. She tasted all the food, but enjoyed the dish resembling a sweet potato the best.



STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Justin Greer, senior speech communications major, tries some Latin American food as Kristin Routt, professor in the foreign language department, explains the origins and ingredients of the different dishes. Routt’s presentation, “Sabor Latino!,” was held Wednesday evening in Coleman Hall.

Teens learn how to make hard choices

By Katie Murphy
STAFF WRITER

Students from area junior high and high schools gathered Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for Prevention Day 2002. The event, held by the Central East Alcohol and Drug Council, hosted speakers and workshops to help students learn about important decision-making they will face in the future.

Christa Kirchhofer, Intouch specialist for the CEAD Council, said the event went hand in hand with Red Ribbon Week, which is National Drug and Alcohol Prevention week.

The event started at 8 a.m. Wednesday and lasted until 1:45 p.m. To kick off the day, speaker Steve Matuszak gave a comedic performance on leadership and motivation, said Kirchhofer. Then students were able to participate in two other workshops.

Jessica Volk, a 13-year-old student from Crestwood School in Paris, Ill., enjoyed the fun and educational day.

“I learned that you have to work for what you want and respect what you have,” Volk said.

Another Crestwood student, Laken Pennington, 13, from Paris, Ill., took part in the group workshop, “UNITY: Understanding Negative Influences Tempting You” led by Justin Weiss, CEAD Council’s HIV early intervention counselor.

The Prevention Day flyer said UNITY taught the students about decision-making when it comes to the temptations of drugs and sexual activity. Pennington said she enjoyed the workshop, and it was “interesting to learn about the HIV virus and statistics about young people being sexually active.”

Kirchhofer said there were about 200 participants and the day was very successful.

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State working for clean water

◆ *Illinois giving more low-interest loans than ever for cities to work toward treatment*

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

The state of Illinois gave more low-interest loans than ever to cities for cleaner water in September, and Charleston may go the same route for the construction of its Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The treatment plant is currently in designing stages and is expected to be complete sometime next year. In order to pay for the plant, City Manager Alan Probst said the city will either use an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency low-interest loan from the state, municipal bonds or a combination of both.

“Nothing’s locked in concrete in this yet,” Probst said.

The current treatment plant is located on West Madison Avenue, and the new one will be in the same place. Although the water has passed state standards for drinking water, the new treatment center’s purpose is to improve the taste of Charleston water and eliminate odor.

Gov. Ryan recently announced the state had awarded a record number of 31 low-interest loans, totaling \$65 million, that Charleston may take advantage of to upgrade local drinking water.

“These loans are vital to the infrastructure of Illinois communities and will help construct facilities that are provided to communities through programs administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,” Ryan said in a press release.

The treatment plant has been delayed from its original completion date of next fall because the firm originally contracted to design the plant, Black and Veatch Corporation of Chesterfield, Mass., was terminated because they overshot the city’s budget.

The firm Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. of Springfield is now working on a more feasible design for the plant. Probst said the city does not intend to spend more than \$8.5 million on the waste water treatment plant project.

The funds, Probst said, will be divided about 60 percent to 40 percent; with the state paying 60 and Charleston paying 40. But the origin of state funds, whether that of a low-interest loan, municipal bonds or both, has yet to be decided.

“(The state) never covers all of what the project is,” he said.

The IEPA loans are especially important this year because it is the 30th anniversary of the passage of the federal Clean Water Act, said Renee Capriano, IEPA director, in a press release. Along with the passage of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, these laws have provided more than \$2 billion in loans for state projects trying to improve the quality of their water.

AB allocations vote stalls

By John Chambers
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate tabled a bill proposing to allow only Apportionment Board fee funded boards to receive funds.

Senate tabled four senate bills yesterday for approval next week, three addressing the AB.

The bylaws currently say any organization or board wishing to fund an activity through student fees can request funds, since AB funds the fee funded boards University Board, Student Government, Campus Recreation, the theater group, Dramatic Players and AB itself through student fees.

The bylaw change will state only “a fee funded board shall be eligible for appropriation or reallocation by the Apportionment Board.”

“Most people’s understanding would be the only people that get money would be the fee funded boards. Basically, it’s a loophole we’re clarifying,” AB Chair Amy Leonard said.

She said the only non fee-funded board to have requested funds from AB was athletics, and any organization can apply to be funded by AB in the future as a fee-funded board.

Marty Ruhaak, student vice president for public affairs, said senate members need to research the bylaw change before it is voted on next week because of the proposals suggested impact.

“I’m really against this,” Ruhaak said. “Find out who is affected by this other than the fee-funded boards.”

A bill to allow fee-funded boards to distribute clothing to the student body was the second proposed change to AB bylaws.

The bylaws currently do not allow the fund-

ed boards to purchase clothing because of concerns there will be no benefit to the entire student body.

“Basically the reason this was put into the bylaws in the first place was so the five fee-funded boards wouldn’t buy clothing for their members because it wouldn’t benefit the student body,” Leonard said.

She said the bylaws will allow the fee-funded boards to purchase clothing that can be distributed to the student body as such things as prizes for events, but the boards will still have to appeal to AB for approval on any clothing expenses.

Leonard said the two proposed bylaw changes were a result of AB re-reading and clarifying its bylaws at the beginning of the semester.

A senate bill was tabled to allocate \$770 to Student Government as payment towards operating expense for the fall Recognized Student Organization Fair. The funds will be reimbursed by AB.

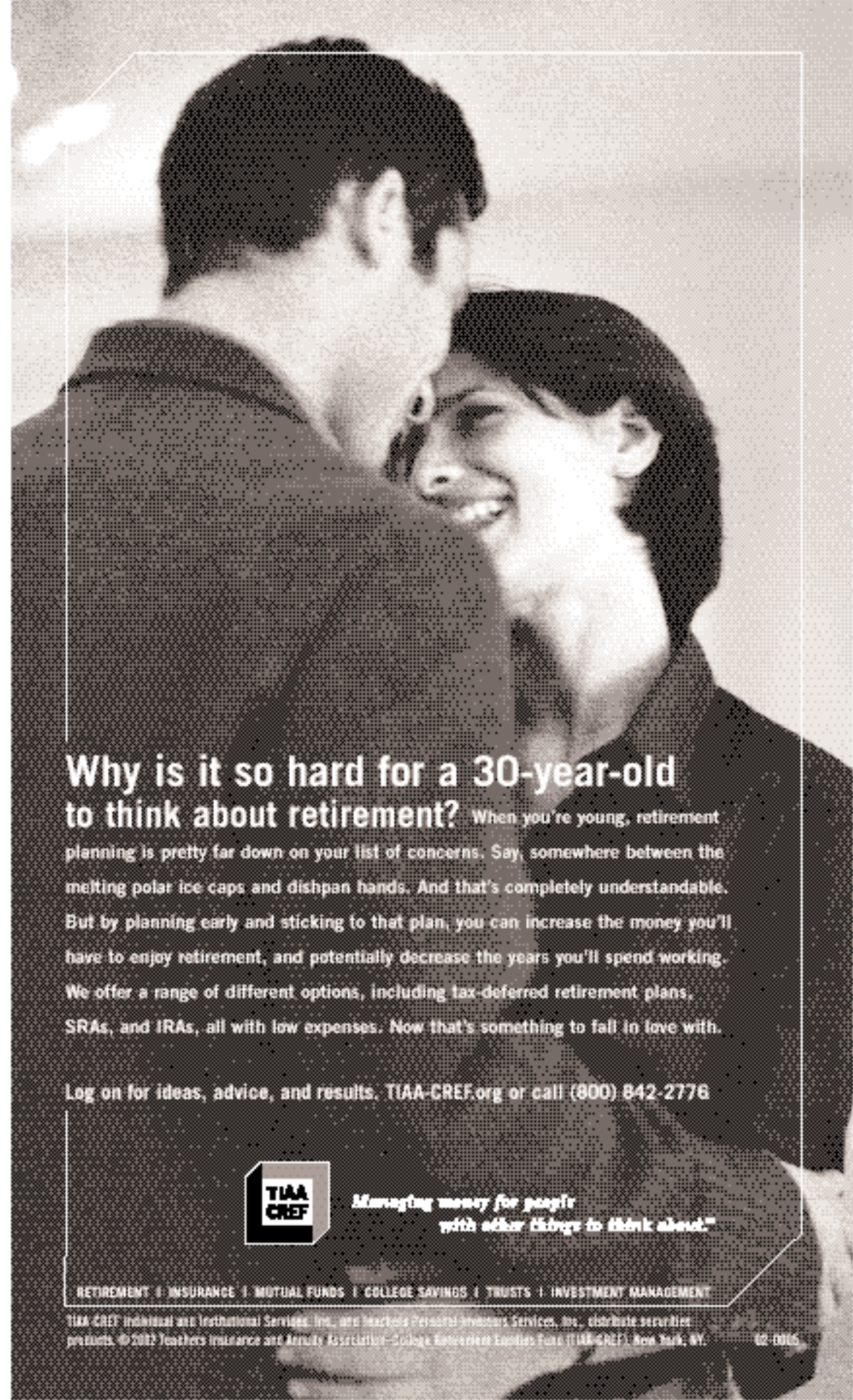
The fourth bill tabled will approve \$78 for name tags for new Student Senate members or those changing senate positions this semester, said Bill Davidson, speaker of the senate.

He said the name tags will be magnetic and worn at senate meetings.

“I think the cost is a little bit steep, although that is not the fault of the bill,” said Student Senate member George Lescia.

The honors fraternity, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the Asian American Association were approved as Registered Student Organizations.


Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Author will speak on Saturday in Mattoon bookstore

By Matt Pollett
STAFF WRITER

James W. Loewen wrote a book that could make people wonder if the information they learned in their history books is correct and he will talk about it when he visits Mattoon this weekend.

Loewen will talk about his new book at the Walden Books store in the Cross County Mall in Mattoon at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In his book, "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong," he gives examples of how history books are wrong.

"Textbooks exclude conflict or real suspense. They leave out anything that might reflect badly upon our national character," a press release stated.

The release also said "This book has sold almost half a million copies and is changing the way American History is taught in high schools across the U.S."

Loewen has another book published titled "Lies Across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong." He will also be discussing this book Saturday.

"This book teaches visitors to read between the lines of historical markers," the release stated.

Loewen is also going to be discussing his work in progress while in Mattoon.

The book he is working on is called "Sundown Towns." It is about all-white towns that were or are all white on purpose. Many are located in central and southern Illinois, the release said.

Loewen said, in an interview via e-mail, he is two-thirds done with this book and hopes to have it published in 2003.

Carolyn Stephe, a part-time anthropology teacher at Lake Land College in Mattoon, said Loewen "spoke at EIU two or three years ago and brought in a full crowd with standing room only."

She said most history professors, history administrations and sociologists are familiar with him and his work. Stephens said her students gather information for Loewen's books throughout the year for class projects.



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Writing it right

Bobbie Kingery of Career Services teaches a group of speech communication majors how to create a resume in Coleman Hall Wednesday evening.

Geology class could drop to 2000-level

By Matthew Stevens
STAFF WRITER

One of the major issues on the agenda for Thursday's Council on Academic Affairs meeting is the dropping of the course GEL/INT 3300G to 2300G, proposed by College of Sciences dean Mary Anne Hanner.

Larry Helsel, professor of technology, has certain concerns about "Science and Technology: A Promise or a Threat?" an upper division course, possibly being available to incoming freshmen.

"The course is a part of the core department requirements for upperclassmen, and the university has no legitimate reason to drop it from a junior level to sophomore level," Helsel said. "My fear is that an incoming freshman could get the permission to take this course, not succeed and that doesn't do anyone any benefit."

The College of Sciences decided to not make certain upper division classes a requirement for graduation.

"If you have a legitimate reason for lowering it from junior to sophomore level, then the faculty would be behind the change," Helsel said.

The university's only reason for the suggested level lowering is the change in Eastern policy, Helsel said.

"This change in course numbering has nothing to do with course content," Helsel said.

Helsel, along with other technology professors, will be at the afternoon meeting to make his concerns heard to CAA Chair Nancy Marlow, management and marketing professor, and CAA Vice Chair Doug Bock, a professor of speech communication.

The CAA also has received proposals to designate SPC 3200, Rhetorical Criticism, as writing intensive. Diane Hoadley, dean of the College of Educational and Professional Studies, submitted a proposal to drop the career and technical education minor.

Those items will be discussed at later meetings.

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10/10 To Melissa Loose- one of my favorite Bellevegas girls- have a great homecoming weekend!

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Budget: Increase was a combination of enrollment and tuition jumps

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“If you know you’re going to have a budget short-fall, don’t spend (money),” Cooley said.

Charles Delman, professor of mathematics and chief negotiator for Eastern’s University Professionals of Illinois, said the \$417,908 was not unspent funds.

Delman believes money was allocated in last year’s budget and has been carried over to pay for fiscal year 2002 expenses.

The budget listed over \$2.3 million in revenue from this year’s enrollment jump coupled with an 8.5 percent tuition increase.

Cooley said the university received around \$32 million from tuition and fees, which he described as a combination of an enrollment increase and an additional 3.5 percent tuition increase on top of a standard 5 percent increase approved before the major budget decline.

Delman calculated the university received over \$5 million in new income revenues from tuition.

However, the “unavoidable cost increases” listed in the operating budget topped off at almost \$5 million.

The largest cost increase was \$1.7 million for group insurance for employees, which was Eastern’s share of the \$45 million Gov. George Ryan requested last year from all public institutions of higher education for health insurance, Cooley said.

This expense, along with other expenses listed on the budget, was the same as last year, Delman said, and it should be in last year’s base budget.

“To say it’s a new expense is deceptive,” Delman said.

Hiring additional faculty for the enrollment increase cost \$389,400, which Delman said is too low considering the money brought in from the tuition revenue increase.

He said it doesn’t make sense that only a tiny portion of tuition fees are being used to hire faculty to accommodate all the new students.

“If academics were a priority, surely we could have taken out more funds to hire professors,” Delman said.

The “unavoidable cost increases” for technology were \$400,000, based on fiscal year 2002’s funding base.

Cooley said \$800,000 was budgeted for technology last year, and \$400,000 was the base increase for this year.

But Delman said the money allocated for last year’s budget was not listed as an unavoidable cost, and much of that money was not spent.

The fine arts relocation costs, stemming from construction on the Doudna Fine Arts Center, were cited at \$300,000, and the Student Information System set the budget back \$250,000. This increase on the budget was followed by \$800,000 for salary annualization.

The Illinois Century Network, the state’s Internet pipeline, was listed as \$102, 800, and student scholarships totaled at \$100,000.

The lowest cost increase was \$40,000 for admissions and application processing.

All of these “unavoidable” expenses in the operating budget were legitimate, Cooley said, but Delman disagreed.

“What bothers me is that none of these choices on how to spend money are under scrutiny,” Delman said.

He said the administration didn’t explain why certain expenses were made—it just revealed the short-fall.

“This shortfall doesn’t mean we’re bankrupt,” Delman said. “But it means they’re going to have to take money from other places.”

RHA presentations on parking options to continue tonight

By Jennifer Farone
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association will continue to focus on proposed parking resolutions at Thursday’s meeting.

Last Thursday, the Parking Committee presented three possible parking resolutions to the RHA. The resolutions will be put forth to the RHA to be discussed and possibly approved.

Speaking tonight will be Robert Bates from the health studies department. RHA President Kevin Leverence said Bates is there to, “express a few opinions from the faculty standpoint.”

Bates, who is also the director of the driver’s education program, will address the resolutions specifically and be able to “explain why the lot closes on Thursdays and the benefits for it.” There is a high possibility that voting will take place tonight, Leverence said.

RHA T-shirt sales will continue

into next week.

“Next semester, if there is overwhelming interest we will look into having more of them,” Leverence said.

RHA executives began standing in at Hall Council meetings this week. Each board member will be attending one meeting a month. Leverence stated, “the concern was to see (board members) at Hall Council meetings that is why we are doing the whole thing.”

Future business of the RHA will aim toward constitutional revisions, which should begin sometime this month, Leverence said.

The task force met for the first time after last Thursday’s RHA meeting in order to work out schedules to find convenient meeting times. The task force should complete its goals by next week, Leverence said.

The next RHA meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in Lawson Hall.

Illinois: Reports ranks state’s grade point as a decline

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release stated.

The report’s only other category, based on available information on student learning, cannot be ranked, as it is impossible to make systematic state-by-state comparisons, the report stated.

Illinois’ overall grade point

average in the Measuring Up 2002 report was 86.4, which is a decline from its 88.8 average in 2000.

Overall, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is pleased with the report card.

“Our grades reflect the emphasis the board and our colleges and universities have placed on improving student persistence and degree completion,” LaVista said. “They also underscore the unfinished business of strengthening high school preparation so students arrive in college ready for the academic rigors they will confront.”

U.N. hopes to send team to Iraq by end of month

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said Wednesday he still hopes to send an advance team to Iraq by the end of October to prepare for a resumption of inspections.

The Security Council is discussing a possible new mandate for inspectors and Blix said it was reasonable to wait “at least for some little time” for the 15 council members to make a decision before sending the advance team.

But the council’s five veto-wielding members remain divided on a new resolution, with the United States and Britain demanding that it authorize the use of force if Iraq doesn’t comply with inspectors — and France, Russia and China opposing a green light to attack before Iraq has a chance to cooperate.

Diplomats said a revised French draft circulated Wednesday made no significant changes and was still unacceptable to the United States.

In an interview on the PBS’ “News Hour with Jim Lehrer,” Blix said a timeline originally called for inspectors to be in Iraq by the middle of October.

Because of the possible change by the Security Council, “we think that it will be reasonable to wait for that mandate, at least for some little time, so still hopefully before the end of October,” Blix said.

Seeking to ensure Iraq’s cooperation, U.N. weapons inspectors have sent the Iraqi government a letter outlining agreements reached earlier this month in Vienna on the resumption of inspections.

The letter, circulated to Security Council members on Wednesday, asks Iraq to confirm its acceptance of agreements on a host of issues including that it “clarified” during the Vienna talks that inspectors “will be granted immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access to sites, including what was termed ‘sensitive sites’ in the past.”

Those sites include the Ministry of Defense and facilities of Saddam Hussein’s Republican Guards, which were previously off-limits to surprise inspections.

The letter noted that a 1998 agreement between Iraq and the United Nations requires advance notice to inspect eight presidential sites, but raised the possibility that this might change.

“Should these sites be subject, as all other sites, to immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access,” it said, inspections would be conducted there “with the same professionalism.”

Man killed may be linked to sniper spree

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man was shot dead while pumping gas in Virginia on Wednesday night, and police were trying to determine whether he was the latest victim of the sniper who has terrorized the Washington area for a week. Meanwhile, a tarot card with the words “Dear policeman, I am God” emerged as a potential clue.

Virginia State Police said two males were seen driving away in a white vehicle after the shooting at the station in Prince William County, near Manassas, 30 miles west of the nation’s capital.

Prince William County police spokes-

woman Sgt. Kim Chinn said one man was killed, but she few other details. She said police did not know where the shots came from, or how many shots were fired.

Police had blocked off several streets around the gas station, and they were interviewing people at the scene.

“We are still very preliminarily beginning this investigation,” Chinn said. “We have been in contact with the officials from Maryland and the task force there, so we are sharing any information we have.”

The tarot card was found near a shell casing outside a middle school in Bowie,

where a 13-year-old boy was critically wounded by a gunman Monday, a source familiar with the investigation said on condition of anonymity.

Authorities said the shell was .223-caliber, the same kind of bullet used to kill six people and wound another in Washington and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs in the last week. The casing is believed to be the first one recovered since the slayings began.

Michael Bouchard, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, would not say whether authorities had linked the casing to the attacks.

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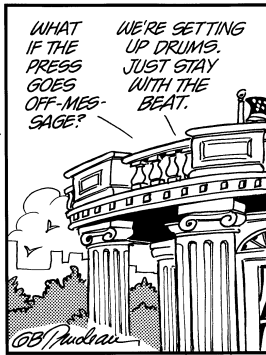
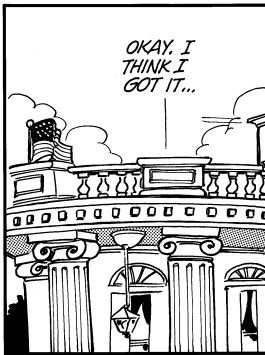
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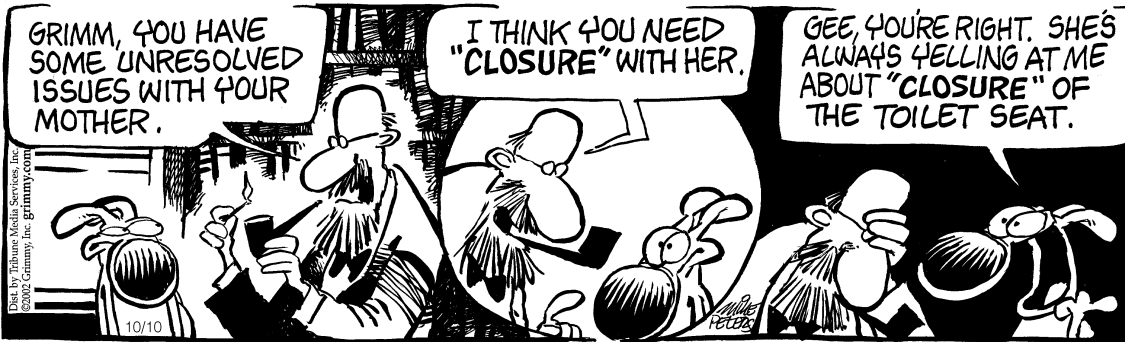
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High school coach retires with 396 wins

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) — Gordon Wood sits in his small, cluttered downtown office, his blue felt pen meticulously diagramming plays on the imaginary gridiron of his notepad.

At 88, Wood's hand moves slower than the days when his drawings helped him become the winningest high school coach in the nation. But even after 17 years of retirement, his football mind remains sharp.

"This is just the basic formation. You have this boy 5 1/2 yards behind the center, the fullback's behind the guard" And on he goes, laying out every detail of the run-based Wing T formation that carried him to a 396-91-15 record and nine state titles.

Wood lost his status as the nation's winningest coach about a decade ago and is now No. 3 on the list. Soon he'll be bumped to No. 4 nationally, and No. 2 on the Texas list, by Pilot Point's G.A. Moore, who entered this weekend with 394 wins.

Wood doesn't mind being passed, but he doesn't believe raw numbers tell the whole story, saying it's difficult to compare accomplishments in different eras.

"You've got people who break Babe Ruth's record every time you turn around, but that doesn't make them better than him," Wood said. "That

might sound silly, but that's the way I feel about it."

Moore does, too.

"I'm not even in his league," Moore said. "It doesn't matter if somebody wins 500 games, we're just not going to reach his level. It's kind of like looking back at Tom Landry or Vince Lombardi. That's how he has affected high school football."

Wood is still viewed with such reverence around Brownwood.

A nameplate on the outside of Wood's office building simply reads "Coach Wood." Wherever he goes in this West Texas city of about 19,000 people, he's still warmly greeted as "Coach."

Wood refers to the Brownwood Lions as "we" and "us," which makes sense considering he and his wife, Katharine, have lived a few blocks from the school for more than 40 years.

He still has keys to Gordon Wood Stadium, still attends most every home game and keeps close tabs on the Brownwood program, which won seven state titles during his reign.

"There's no doubt that 99.9 percent of the people here are fans of his," said Brownwood coach Steve Freeman. "He's done wonders for this town. Coach Wood is an icon around here."

Wood's office is crammed with filing cabinets full of decades-old statistics, records and newspaper clippings. The walls feature a who's who of Texas football, with pictures of friends Darrell Royal, Bum Phillips, Spike Dykes, Roger Staubach and others.

"You don't coach football in Texas and not know Gordon Wood," said Royal, the University of Texas coach from 1957-76.

These days, Wood keeps busy by promoting a new biography, updating his 1992 coaching strategy book, and making twice daily visits to the downtown burger joint to shoot the breeze with buddies over coffee.

He seems to be in good health after a mild heart attack in February. He goes to his office every day and is planning his annual trek to as many playoff games as possible.

Wood has been in West Texas most his life, growing up near Abilene and attending Hardin-Simmons University on a basketball and football scholarship. He took his first head coaching job in 1940 at Rule and stayed for two years.

After joining the Navy during World War II, he had stops at Roscoe, Seminole and Winters. His career really took off at Stamford, where he went 80-6 with two state championships from 1951-57.

P G A Janzen shoots 63 in Sin City

LAS VEGAS (AP) – Lee Janzen and Steve Jones won U.S. Opens by grinding their way through the toughest of conditions. Both showed Wednesday they can play a bit on easy courses, too.

Janzen, trying to win for the first time since the 1998 U.S. Open, made 10 birdies on his way to a 9-under 63 in the first round of the Invensys Classic at Las Vegas.

Jones, meanwhile, was also at 9-under after a bogey-less 62 on the par-71 TPC Canyons course.

"If you're making pars out here you better go home," Jones said.

Janzen shared more than just the lead and some U.S. Open history with Jones, who is also winless since 1998. Both now have some hope that their winless droughts may be over.

"In 1995 if someone had said you're going to win only once more over the next seven years I wouldn't have believed it," Janzen said.

Encouraged by several months of ball-striking he believes is his best ever, Janzen shook off a missed 2-footer for birdie on No. 9 for a back-nine 30.

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experience so far.

"It's been pretty good so far. I have filled a lot of water bottles and ice bags, but we are here to help everyone out," Hedrick said. "You learn by watching (staff members) work, and you learn the stuff you have to know here."

Hedrick also said the 100 hours was intimidating at first, but after the first couple of weeks of school the number has become more attainable.

Once accepted into the program, the trainers are then assigned to a sport where they will attend practices and games. The number of staff members and student trainers assigned to a sport is determined by what the sport is, head athletic trainer Mark Bonnstetter said.

"We understand that different sports have different levels of risk of injury," said Bonnstetter, a University of Michigan graduate and a former assistant at the University of Miami. "We divide the sports up into the collision or contact sports and we break it down from there. All the sports are covered, but there are more at some events than others."

For example, the football team with a roster of 87 needs seven to nine trainers at a practice. The trainers observe practice and make sure the water bottles stay full and insure aid if an injury were to happen.

"I am certified to basically do everything in the realm," said Hillary Johnson, a first-year gradu-

ate assistant said. "Basically, if any of the students have a question, I answer it, oversee (the solution) or do it myself."

The relationship between athletes and athletic trainers is one based on trust.

"I think athletes learn to trust the trainers over time," Bonnstetter said. "We strive to portray the message that their health is our No. 1 concern, and I think we succeed."

Friendships naturally bond between rehabilitating athletes and trainers over time, as many see each other every day of the week. John Thorsen, a junior on the men's basketball team and the owner of a pair of chronically sore knees, visits the athletic trainers room every

day. Thorsen jokingly admitted he was at the training room more than some of the trainers and said he was "cool" with most of them.

Because of the amount of time trainers and athletes spend together, when success is attained on the field, court or diamond, some trainers feel like they are part of the team.

"Maybe I am saying this selfishly, but athletic trainers are not always recognized," Bonnstetter said. "Personally I feel like we play a vital role on the team. We play an important ingredient in the team's overall success."

"When I see team success, not as much individual, that is what drives me to do what I do," Bonnstetter said.

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level of steroid use and the reliance of the home run ball increasing, the Twins won with a team total of 167 long balls and a bunch of guys who look like Gumbo.

Just think. Three Alex Rodriguez's would almost have more home runs than the 25-man Twins roster.

Tuesday night the Twins won Game 1 of the ALCS, 2-1 in a game that showcased the talents that got them there. Joe Mays, a pitcher that went 4-8 during the regular season with a 5.38 ERA, pitched eight spectacular innings and the Twins lead was preserved when third baseman Corey Koskie made a rally-killing defensive play to end

the seventh inning.

Bud Selig watched the game in front of a crowd of more than 55,000, behind home plate in the stadium he had hoped would be torn down. After the game, Selig said, "If it happens that I present the World Series trophy to the Minnesota Twins, and if I'm there Knute Rockne, then they owe me

something."

They owe him something? If anything, Selig owes the city of Minnesota something he should have done a long time ago - the promise of a ball team next year and the year after that and the year after that.

I mean, that's the least you could do for a World Series champion.

League:

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of writing his scouting report."

Even though Romo is a I-AA athlete, Payton seems to think that type of basis won't be a factor come draft day.

"I think that every year three or four get drafted and especially with a position like quarterback, they come from everywhere and anyone can succeed," Payton said "It's a good chance that if Romo wins the Walter Payton Award, someone will take him in the draft."

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FOOTBALL

Spoo put his offense up against Kidd's defense

By Matt Meinheit
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The rules of chemistry state bases neutralize acids and vice versa. However, the rules of football can't make the same statement about offense and defense.

When Eastern faces Eastern Kentucky for Saturday's Homecoming game, the Panthers (3-2, 1-0) will bring the best offense in the Ohio Valley Conference and the Colonels (4-2, 1-0) own the best defense.

According to the pollsters that decide national rankings in division I-AA football, Eastern's offense prevails. The Panthers are ranked No. 9 in The Sports Network poll with the Colonels

falling in line at No. 19.

The Colonels are at the top of the OVC in every defensive category. They are No. 1 in scoring (17.5 points per game), rushing defense (100.83 yards per game), pass defense (144.83 yards per game) and total defense (245.67 yards per game).

Wednesday, Eastern head coach Bob Spoo talked about what makes the Colonel's defense so good.

"I'd say its their quickness," Spoo said. "They don't make a lot of mistakes. They are a well coached, hard-nosed rallying defense."

Spoo also mentioned the Colonels ability to hide their blitzes.

"They will blitz, and they do a

good job at disguising their blitzes," Spoo said. "They can pressure you without giving it away."

To compliment their defense, the Colonels have a bruising running game on offense. They are led by the No. 2 and No. 9 rushers in the conference, C.J. Hudson (100.33 yards per game) and Torry Ennis (63.17 yards per game).

"They're more alike than different," Spoo said about the two.

A strong running game has been part of EKU head coach Roy Kidd's game plan for most of his career, and that will end with the season when he retires after 39 years.

"They like to hammer the ball at you more than the other teams in the league," Spoo said. "That's

been (Kidd's) trademark."

Despite the Colonels' strong running attack, Kidd might try to exploit the Panthers struggling defense that is last in the OVC allowing over 300 yards a game through the air.

"I think they want to run the ball," Spoo said. "But they will be prepared to throw the ball. He'll do what he has to do, but I don't think passing is their first choice."

Spoo gives Kidd plenty of respect as Spoo tries to take the Eastern all-time career win lead Saturday and Kidd's career, in which he has already won 311 games, winds down.

"The biggest thing I want to convey to our team is that he has won over 300 games because they do

"I just want to get a win Saturday, just like coach Kidd. That's my focus."

—Bob Spoo

things right," Spoo said.

However, Spoo is not concerned with surpassing Charles Lantz as Eastern's all-time winningest coach, who Spoo is currently tied with at 96 wins.

"I just want to get a win Saturday, just like coach Kidd," Spoo said. "That's my focus."

Twins, fans rejoice in surprising postseason

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — For months, Minnesota Twins fans settled for small gestures to show how much they despised commissioner Bud Selig, the man who tried to get rid of their team.

There were seat cushions with his picture on it, banners that read "Contract This, Bud," obscene T-shirts, and even neckties mocking his decision to end the All-Star game in a tie.

Now that the Twins are in one of the most surprising AL championship series, fans are positively euphoric — and LOUD, creating a deafening roar inside the Metrodome and turning the stands into a sea of white Homer Hankies.

The small-market, low-budget Twins have shown the world they deserve to stick around while ending years of frustration and poor play.

"What would be wonderful to see is if the Twins win the World Series and have Bud hand the trophy over," said Richard Brandt, decked out in Twins gear at Minnesota's 2-1 victory over the Anaheim Angels to open the series Tuesday night.

"That would be just perfect."

Relocation, contraction, sale and a possible strike:

Twins fans have endured all the ugly possibilities over the past 11 months, and they suffered through 10 years without a trip to the playoffs before that.

"The Minnesota Twins fan has just been kicked around by the sport of baseball for the past 10 to 12 years," said Jeff Dubai, co-host of a sports talk radio show on KFAN. "It's a lot of frustration that's being released right now."

Interest in the Twins was so-so this summer, when they were running away with their division. But now, with the pennant in sight and the usually dominant Vikings off to an 0-4 start, baseball is on everyone's mind.

Fans started lining up outside the Metrodome for ALCS tickets before the Twins had closed out Sunday's victory over Oakland in the division series, some spending the night in sleeping bags and tents.

Banners adorn Minneapolis City Hall, local sports bars and restaurants. Cars flutter with Twins flags, and jerseys, jackets and caps can be seen on most street corners.

A "Homer Hanky Hospital" was set up by the Metrodome for fans who

need repairs for their hankies, relics of the 1987 and 1991 championship seasons that were brought back for this year's pennant drive.

"There's a euphoria here now," says Paul Ridgeway, who gathered nearly 208,000 signatures in the offseason to keep the Twins in Minnesota.

"We've really been a Lazarus team, coming back from the dead on so many occasions from so many situations."

After a decade of futility, caused in part by the owner's unwillingness to keep up with baseball's big spenders, the Twins played well last year before faltering toward the end of the season. Then they almost folded.

Selig and baseball owners wanted to eliminate two teams, and Twins owner Carl Pohlad volunteered his club after years of trying in vain to get a new taxpayer-subsidized stadium. Minnesota courts blocked the plan by holding the Twins to their stadium lease.

"I think Twins fans were slow to come around because of all that has happened in the past," Dubai said. "It took an awful lot to restoke or reinvent that love for the team."

Congressmen want to make steroid precursors illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two House members want to make steroid precursors illegal, which would effectively take androstenedione, the over-the-counter substance slugger Mark McGwire took the year he broke the home run record, off the market.

The bill introduced Wednesday by Republican Reps. John Sweeney of New York and Tom Osborne of Nebraska would list steroid precursors as controlled substances, thereby making

over-the-counter sales illegal.

Steroid precursors change into anabolic steroids once ingested.

"These substances have the same effects and dangers as steroids," said Osborne, who coached Nebraska to national football championships in 1994 and 1995. "And their side effects pose far greater risks for young people than they do for adults."

Sales of andro skyrocketed after the 1998 revelation

that McGwire was using the substance. The Cardinals slugger, who hit 70 home runs that year, stopped taking the drug the following season, saying he was worried that kids would follow his lead.

The NBA, NFL, NCAA and the International Olympic Committee all ban androstenedione.

It is unlikely the bill will go anywhere this year. Congress is expected to adjourn for the year within the next two weeks.

Three AAU teammates wind up playing at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — They all live in the Chicago suburbs, and all three played on the same AAU team.

Now freshmen Lindsay Richards, Johanna Solverson and Morgan Kasperek find themselves together again on the Iowa women's basketball team.

A package deal?

It might look that way, but it wasn't.

Richards, a 5-foot-7 guard, was the first of the three to commit to Iowa. Solverson, a 6-2 forward whose father, Pete, played football at Drake, was the second.

Kasperek, a 6-2 forward whose father, Dick, played football at Iowa State, followed shortly thereafter.

Richards and Solverson were McDonald's All-Americans. Kasperek helped her team win the Class AA state championship.

"From the beginning, you could tell they all liked each other and had good chemistry," said Iowa assistant Jan Jensen, the team's recruiting coordinator. "But then I worried they didn't want to be considered as we followed Lindsay."

"Then I was like, oh man, maybe this is going to work against us."

Jensen's worries turned out to be unfounded and all three are expected to contribute this season, if not start. They find some comfort in being together.

"It helps out a lot," Solverson said. "Knowing that Lindsay and Morgan were coming out here, I knew that I would know people right off the top. That was just nice to know that people I played with would be here and they would know how I play."

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SATURDAY	Rugby vs. Missouri	11 a.m.	
	Football vs. Eastern Kentucky	1:30 p.m.	O'Brien Sta.
	Volleyball vs. Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.	Lantz Arena

D O W N T O W N



Tim Martin
STAFF WRITER

Rooting for
the underdog

America as a society is fascinated with the underdog. Who wasn't cheering for the New England Patriots last Super Bowl? Who wasn't cheering for USA soccer in the World Cup this past summer? Who doesn't cheer for the Cubs (just kidding)?

But with all the top teams falling out of the baseball playoffs in the past week, what happens when all that's left are underdogs?

All four teams that advanced to the League Championship Series had inferior win-loss records to their opponents.

In the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals upset last year's World Series Champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks. The San Francisco Giants defeated the Atlanta Braves, owner's of the best record in the NL, in a thrilling five game series.

In the American League, the New York Yankees and the Oakland Athletics, owners of the two best records in the majors, both bowed out to the Anaheim Angels and the Minnesota Twins, respectively.

So who are we supposed to root for then?

The St. Louis Cardinals was the only team to sweep its opponent and won by a combined score of 20-6 and defeated last year's World Series co-MVP's, Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling, in successive games.

The Cards, if anything, are the favorites right now. They aren't an underdog.

San Francisco and Anaheim both qualified for the playoffs as the league wild card, the team with the best record that did not win their division. These teams weren't good enough to win their division, so should they even have a shot at winning the World Series? Only one team in the history of baseball (Florida Marlins, 1997) has qualified for the playoffs as a wild card and won it all.

Root for them? I would, but they both have better overall records than my choice as the underdog's underdog, the Minnesota Twins.

Before the season, MLB commissioner Bud Selig was quite clear on his intentions for a contraction plan that included exiling the Twins and the Montreal Expos. A potential championship season was almost ended before it ever began.

All the Twins did was win its division by 13 1/2 games during the regular season and defeat three of the best pitchers in the game (Oakland's Tim Hudson, Barry Zito and Mark Mulder) in the ALDS.

I am a baseball purist at heart, and I am glad to see a team that built through its farm system and not through the bank succeed. The Twins play baseball the way it should be played - with great pitching and defense complimented by timely hitting.

This past season, with the

F O O T B A L L

A league of his own

♦ *With a spectacular career at Eastern, Walter Payton Award candidate Tony Romo has the NFL's attention*

By Matthew Stevens
STAFF WRITER

It's no secret Panther quarterback Tony Romo is a candidate for the 2002 Walter Payton award, but now there's talk he might earn a paycheck in the National Football League.

The two-time Ohio Valley Conference player of the year will definitely be evaluated by NFL scouts after the Panthers season is completed. In fact, the New York Giants may be one of the teams interested in Romo.

The Giants offensive coordinator Sean Payton had nothing but encouraging things to say about Eastern's current quarterback.

"I can say that what I've heard from talking with other friends and alumni is that he seems like a guy that has the tools to make it in this league," Payton said.

Payton would know because he still currently owns virtually every Eastern passing record by a large margin.

However, Payton had to admit that since the Giants are currently into the grind of their 2002 season, the coaching staff hasn't seen any film of Romo or any other college player.

"I can honestly say that I've not seen Tony on film or in person but I haven't seen any college player on film or in person during this season," Payton said.

This would contradict the recent rumor that Payton would be coming to Charleston to visit his alma mater and scout Romo personally at one of Eastern's final three home games.

"When I did an interview on television, I jokingly said that I was hoping to come down to Charleston to see him in person but that's obviously not going to be possible because our sea-

son will still be going on," Payton said.

Payton did speculate that he still might be personally dealing with Tony Romo's scouting process for the Giants organization.

"I can tell you that along with our quarterback coach, we will be deeply involved in scouting that position," Payton said.

Unfortunately, the Giants organization has a policy about not talking specifically about certain college prospects.

However, Payton was able to describe in layman's terms how involved he is in the Giants scouting process.

"Personally, I will be involved with scouting about 15 quarterbacks, and he will definitely be one of those who will be evaluated by us," Payton said. "In fact, I'll probably be in charge

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Tending to the Panthers' wounds

♦ *Eastern's staff of athletic trainers keep the Panthers in condition to compete in the rigors of collegiate sports*



KEITH BATTLESON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eastern trainer Ryan Collins wraps Eastern wrestler Clay French's injured elbow Wednesday afternoon. This is Collins' first year as a trainer at Eastern.

By Tim Martin
STAFF WRITER

Athletic trainers at Eastern do more than just tape up ankles.

And their jobs are more elaborate than what one might think.

The Eastern athletic training program is divided into two sections — one for each of Eastern's two training rooms. Within each training room, the staff is split into other divisions.

There are two athletic training rooms located on campus which house athletes from all of Eastern's NCAA sports. One is located on the south end of Lantz Arena, and the other is found at O'Brien Stadium.

The facility found at O'Brien is the newer of the two and finished construction in 1999, but the two do not differ much in terms of equipment and size.

One branch of the athletic training staff consists of five full-time staffers and 12 graduate assistants who are hired by the staff.

The other branch is the academic side, where students gain on-the-job experience. Currently, there are 25 students in the athletic training program, but there are numerous observation student athletic trainers who have not been accepted to the program yet.

Although the trainers are separated into two groups, they work side by side on the athletic field.

LeAnn Price, curriculum director of the athletic training program, determines what observation trainers, nicknamed "rookies," are accepted as athletic training students. Price said the path for unaccepted students is a time-consuming one.

"To be accepted into the program, you must declare physical education as a major, take the Intro to Athletic Training class, complete all of the in-class assignments, maintain a GPA of at least 2.75, observe 100 hours in the athletic training room and show a good work ethic," she said. "After you do all that, then we will make a decision."

As part of the Intro to Athletic Training class, there is also a five-page checklist of tasks that must be completed. Examples of what rookies must do are: taping an ankle correctly in two and a half minutes, crutch fitting and how to treat an in-grown toe nail.

Stephanie Hedrick, a junior PE major and a rookie, treasures her